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Applicant(s): Friddle et al.

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Application No: 09/938,330

Examiner: W.M. Moore

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Title: Novel Human Proteases and
Polynucleotides Encoding the Same

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AMENDMENT; AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2002

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Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

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Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on September 6, 2002 (Paper No. 7), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the rejections in Paper No. 7 in the same order in which they were originally raised. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

NOTICE TO COMPLY

This response includes the corrections mandated by the accompanying Notice to Comply and remarks present on pages 2-3 of the Action. For the convenience of the Examiner, included with this response is a substitute paper copy of the "Sequence Listing" in compliance with 37 CFR 1.822(c)(3), which replaces the "Sequence Listing" previously provided. A computer readable diskette, paper copy of the revised Sequence Listing, and Verified Statement have been mailed to Box Sequence.